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Skill Development of Women
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline of jobs for women in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of schemes that are aimed at Skill Development and Entrepreneurship exclusively for women and the number of women covered under the scheme;

(c) whether his Ministry aims to carve out a gender specific fund for encouraging Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for women and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to set up training camps for skill development of women across the country; and

(e) if so, the number of districts selected for the said schemes in the country including in Uttar Pradesh along with the number of women likely to be trained in the said camps?

Answer

(a) Ministry has not conducted any specific survey on job participation of women in rural areas. As per NSSO data, there has been a decline of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of women in rural areas. However, there has been no mention of the job opportunities in this report.

(b) Under long term skill programme, the Women's Training Division, Directorate General of Training under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship conducts Vocational Training Programmes through a network of One National and 15 Regional Vocational Training Institutes (NVTI/RVTIs) exclusively for women. In various vocational courses being conducted at NVTI/RVTIs, 7003 women are undergoing training during the current session i.e. 2016-17. Since inception, NVTI/RVTIs have trained around 1,30,103 women till January, 2017.

The Training is being provided through Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) under Semester System. Under State Sector, vocational training to women under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) is provided through 1408 Women Industrial Training Institutes (WITIs) / Women Wings with about 83,270 seats. In addition, 30% seats in General ITIs are reserved for women trainees. Around 1,35,459 women are trained in ITIs (both Govt. & Private) every year.

Under Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, aims to provide competencies and skill that enable women to become self −employed/ entrepreneurs. Under STEP scheme, the number of beneficiaries covered is 15133 during 2015-16.

The flagship programme of Ministry namely Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) is for all sections of the society including the women. Further, there are certain incentives under PMKVY to encourage women participation in the skill training. All women trainees under PMKVY is provided with travelling allowance of Rs. 1000/1500 per trainee per month depending upon whether TC is within district of Domicile of candidate or outside. Similarily, post placement support of Rs. 1450 per month per trainee is applicable for special group including woman for 2 or 3 month post training depending on placement within or outside the district of the domicile of the candidate.

Under PMKVY 2015-16, out of 19.8 lakhs candidates, about 8.64 lakhs trained (i.e. 44% approx.) were women. Under PMKVY 2016-20, launched on 2nd October 2016, 97040 women candidates (more than 40% of total enrolled) have been enrolled so far out of which 4019 have been assessed and another 85099 women are undergoing training till now.

Under Deen Dayal Upadhayaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDUGKY) implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, placement linked skill development is imparted to rural youths including women. A total of 53180 women have been skilled under scheme during the FY 2016-17.

(c) Ministry has no such plan to carve out a gender specific fund for skill development for women.

(d) & (e) There is no provision for gender specific training camps under the scheme of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. However, RPL camp under PMKVY are organised for certification of candidates including women. Also, Rozgar

Mela and Kaushal Mela are being conducted under various skill development schemes for mobilization and placement of prospective candidates including women.

Till date multiple Rozgar Melas have been organised with participation from more than 350 employers. Around 1 Lakh unemployed youths including women have participated in various Rozgar Melas and have been interviewed for various job roles across multiple sectors and industries. As an outcome more than 10,000 youths including women have been offered jobs by the participating employers through Rozgar Melas in the country including State of Uttar Pradesh. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, Rozgar Mela have been successfully organized in the districts of Varanasi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Mirzapur, Gonda, Ghaziabad, Agra, Moradabad and Shaharanpur.